

XMAS FOR 30,000.

Seven Huge Trees Shower Gifts on Poor Children.

HAPPY YOUNGSTERS, THEY.

Their Joy Due to Subscribers to The Evening World Fund.

YULE TIDE PLEASURES GALORE.

Mighty Cheerful Scenes in All the Big Halls Where Distribution Was Made.

IF YOU GAVE, BE THANKFUL, REJOICE.

Thirty thousand children were made happy yesterday by the Christmas trees of the Evening World. Thirty thousand little ones came with mothers or fathers or big sisters or big brothers to the seven places where the Evening World held its annual Christmas distribution, and went away with hearts as bright as the sunshine that so graciously lighted their happy faces. These seven Christmas trees were the centres of widening and broadening circles of charity and kindly feeling that went out and out, into the high circles and into the low places, those low places where the Evening World's Christmas was the only good cheer that penetrated.



MARGUERITE ST. JOHN.

These seven trees were in wisely chosen places in New York and Brooklyn and Jersey City. The most careful arrangements had been made that the tickets should reach just those that needed them and no others. Those who went abroad through the city yesterday morning to see what Santa Claus was doing under the sunshine that was illuminating the most distressful Christmas New York has ever seen saw, no matter where they went, that the poor children were getting an old-fashioned Christmas. For in all the east and west side streets and avenues there were crowds of people hurrying in one direction empty-handed and going more slowly in the other direction with Christmas presents in their arms. There was great running to and fro. Mothers were flying with children in arms or breathlessly dragging at their skirts. Whole families were racing towards one point from which other families were departing with joy in their faces and candy and toys or useful presents in their arms. The faces of the children running towards these centres of radiation of happiness were eager and expectant. The faces of those going away were smiling and joyful. The air was full of shouts of pleasure, of sounds of laughter, of cries and calls of congratulation or triumph.

It was a great Christmas distribution, but the effect was vastly out of all proportion to the cause. It meant so little for the wants of tens of thousands of the Evening World's subscribers that pennies and dollars. It meant so much to the poor children to get this Christmas. It is such a great thing to make a child happy, to give him a bright light dancing into the life of a little one born into poverty and darkness, suffering though no fault of his own, and so let him touch the touch of even the least ray of gentleness or charity.

FOR BLESSED IS HE WHO GIVES.

And it was not only the children who got presents and their parents and grown-up relatives who were made happy and joyful by the gift. The ones who gave, but it was all those who gave towards these seven trees, all those who helped, even in the least way, towards this great race of joy, were the ones who, all those who, hearing the shouting, leaned from windows or paused in their walk, and felt a sudden and glowing warmth in their hearts. No one can estimate the good done by those seven trees. We know that the great forces of the world did good, pushed on forever and never weary. One can only dimly realize even the first results of such a loosening of the flood-gates.

between Third and Fourth avenues, given by Prof. Fred Lubin, who has let the Evening World have it for this purpose for three years, and all others both before and during the distribution.

The Central House, Sixty-seventh street, east of Third avenue.

The new Irving Hall, No. 24 Broome street.

The Clermont Avenue Rink, Brooklyn, and which was given by Mr. Norman M. Munro, the Overseer of the Poor, No. 14 Bridge street, Brooklyn.

The distribution took place at different hours in all the halls, all over the city, until 1 P. M., that is, the distribution was all over. The joy had only begun. Each of the centers of merry Christmas had its own particularities, but all interested in bright faces and generous or joyful hearts will be interested in the story of each place.

AT THE NEW IRVING HALL.

To begin, far down on the east end, the new Irving Hall is situated in the heart of the east side, the Broome street between Essex and Norfolk. The distribution there was not to begin until 8 A. M. But the early-morning children were swarming and blocking the streets before 7 A. M. Seven police officers had been detailed in anticipation of a crush, and frequent. The distribution was nearly over these seven tolls and struggled with a good-natured

Business Opportunities.

GOODWILL & Interest for Sale.

GOODWILL established tea and coffee clearing house, fully furnished, with all fixtures, in a good location. ROBINSON, 1426 2d ave.

FOR SALE, cheap, a delicatessen and grocery store, on account of leaving New York. 135

FOURTH AVENUE, 2d fl., room 10, 1000 ft. work equally low. Special orders at a few hours notice. EDGAR PRINTING AND STATIONERY CO., 66 West 60th st.

GROCERY STORE for sale, well stocked; low price for cash. Address BARGAIN, 152 6th ave.

LIQUOR STORE—Great bargain; prominent corner, one of the principal teats; first class location in Washington Market; several up-town stores for sale; good opportunity; terms; property of all descriptions for exchange. O'CONNOR, 80 Centre st.

LIQUOR STORES AND HOTEL CORNER SALOONS.

LIQUOR STORE at a great sacrifice. 44 8th ave.

RESTAURANT and dairy down town, having \$5000 a week, suitable for young, favorable known good lease; no brokers or negotiators; only those who want to run a running business. A. W. CHASE, 50 Wall st.

STEAM LAUNDRY, new, perfect order, ready for running; must be sold by Jan. 1; rent paid to Rutherford N. COPELAND & LUCAS, attorneys.

WILL STORE, cheap on account of leaving the city; a good paying liquor store; cheap rent and good fixtures. Address F. C. COHEN, 152 6th ave.

150 CANDY and cigar store sold on account of death; bargain; worth \$400. COHN, 402 West 42d st.

ALL ELEGANT FURNITURE, private family, sacrificed; magnificently upright piano, parlor piano, chamber dining sets, round tables, cutlery, curtains, etc.; also evenings. 2d fl., 20th st.

ANTIQUES—Furniture, pictures, vases, etc. 141st st., 2d fl., 10th ave.

ARTICLE DEALER, furniture, piano, chair, sofa, etc. 141st st., 2d fl., 10th ave.

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